

Haycox Defends 'American Family'

Answering the charge of critics that "the American family is a failure," Ernest Haycox, noted western author, declared at the annual meeting of the Oregon Trail council, Boy Scouts of America, Saturday night at the Osburn hotel that "the family unit performs as well as it ever did and in most respects it performs better."

The Eugene meeting was one of four sections of the Boy Scout council annual meeting. Haycox will speak today at the northern section of the meeting in Corvallis.

"It is true that when we were primarily a rural nation, the family was a much larger unit and a much more closely-knit one. It is true that city life and apartment life has done something to that old closeness; the thousand distractions and enticements of modern life have disturbed the family. But it is also true that there was a drudgery and a monotony, and sometimes an overbearing strictness in early rural America line."

which drove sons and daughters away from the family at the first chance, and frequently when youngsters grew up the parent farm was too small to offer them opportunity, and they were forced to leave it. Our frontiers were crowded with boys who, at 16, were regarded as grown men; and many a girl was married at 16 because there was nothing else for her to do," Haycox said.

A feature of the annual meeting was the presentation of the silver beaver award for distinguished service to boyhood to Dr. John F. Cramer, president of the Oregon Trail council, Austin Dodds, member of the council executive board, and Leonard Zinkler, scoutmaster of troop 28 at Creswell.

Bruce Wier Bond Set
DENVER, Feb. 18.—(U.P.)—Bond tonight was fixed at \$1000 for a former Eugene, Ore., youth—Bruce Wier, 17—after he had pleaded guilty before U. S. Commissioner Harold Oakes on two federal counts.

Wier was charged with larceny of government property and operation of a black market in gas-oil.

Nazis Losing—

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breach which would directly relieve Nazi pressure on the beachhead 70 miles away.

Four German divisions hurled their might against the beachhead. U-boats menaced its sea supply line and the Germans bolstered their air arm planes called in from other parts of Europe.

The stout allied defense cost the Nazis thousands of casualties as the German command threw in men wholesale. Some German units lost half their strength. Hitler was straining his resources to prove his European fortress invulnerable and discourage invasion of western Europe.

Although German artillery reached every part of the beachhead, the allies had mustered such artillery strength that its barrage was the equal of anything yet seen in the Mediterranean.

Behind this barrage, Daniel De Luce of the Associated Press said, American infantry and tank men in two hours Saturday won back some ground (apparently in the Carroceto sector 10 miles north of Anzio) which the Germans had gained Friday at heavy cost.

REDS CAPTURE 130 MORE COMMUNITIES
In the Russian advance on Pskov, rail entrance to the Baltic states, 130 more communities were captured, among them Plyussa, 58 miles northeast of Pskov, the Russian communique said. Russian aviation took a hand in the campaign by bombing Pskov last night to hinder the Germans' loading trains.

Moscow also announced that the commander of the encircled troops at Korsun, Gen. Wilhelm Stemmermann, was among the Germans killed.

London counted its casualties at several dozen dead in Friday's night air raid and damage was widespread in half a dozen districts.

The attack, the strongest since the sustained raids of 1940-1941, set fires that blazed until dawn. Some speculated it might be the beginning of heavy attacks to disrupt the allies' preparations for invasion. The Germans used about 150 planes in the attack, a weak echo to the mighty allied assaults on Germany.

WHISKEY ON WAY
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 19.—(U.P.)—The Oregon state liquor control commission reported today the first bottles of Waterfall-Frazier bourbon would be available soon. Six carloads of the whiskey, comprising the first shipment of a stock recently purchased from two Kentucky concerns, are en route.



LANE COUNTY was well represented at the Jackson day dinner given by the democrats in Portland the past week with Vice President Henry A. Wallace as speaker. Fred Fisk, Eugene, the state democratic central committee chairman, at left is shown talking to Wallace at the banquet table.

Finland Occupation By America Proposed

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 19.—(U.P.)—Unofficial Russian quarters suggested tonight that a solution to the apparent Finnish-Soviet impasse would be American occupation of Finland under the terms of an armistice, and well-informed American circles here commented that "the idea is not impractical."

Although the Russian sources naturally were vague as to what Moscow's exact reaction to such a plan might be, they hinted strongly that the Soviet Union would approve it.

Spraker Heads—

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in the post-war years can be solved only partly by public works, Morris said.

Talking about post-war planning in Eugene in particular, Dr. Morris praised the activities of Alton F. Baker and William M. Tugman, publisher and managing editor of the Register-Guard, in stimulating the thinking of leaders in Lane county. Tugman began by talking and writing about the need for post-war planning, and kept it constantly in the public mind, explained Dr. Morris.

Group Selling
"Group Selling of Advertising for Weeklies" was the topic discussed by Tom Purcell, publisher of the Gresham Outlook, who said that although many weekly newspapers made individual efforts secure national advertising for their newspapers, no individual newspaper was strong enough to appeal to a great national advertiser.

Cronin Warns—

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have three fleets, the China sea fleet, the mandated island fleet and the home fleet, besides having the greatest submarine fleet in the world. "So far we've been only pecking at one fleet," he commented. "When we sink Japan's navy, she will cease to fight," Cronin predicted.

The former AP Manila chief was of the opinion that Russia will not go into the war against Japan.

Defines Good Jap
Cronin defined what he termed "goodling" of the Japanese in America, and contrasted their treatment here with that received by American civilians and soldiers in the Philippines. "These Japs out here are like all Japs," Cronin commented. "They can't be trusted. A good Jap is a dead Jap and the quicker we decide that the better off we'll be."

Story Not Told
"The entire unspeakable story of Jap atrocities in the Philippine Islands has never been told and won't be until after the war," Cronin said.

During his speech Cronin lauded the defenders of Bataan. "The men of Bataan," he said, "were not licked by the Jap army. They were licked by dysentery, malaria and lack of food and water. Their supply lines failed them."

Cronin hinted that there are some explanations necessary as to why certain American disasters took place in the Philippines.

Red Cross Month Set

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt tonight proclaimed March as "Red Cross Month" and appealed to the nation's citizens to contribute freely to the agency's \$200,000,000 war fund.

He said in a proclamation that the war has entered a decisive stage requiring the fullest measure of individual sacrifice. "I earnestly beseech my fellow Americans to observe it (Red Cross Month) by opening their hearts to this humanitarian appeal in order that we may keep the Red Cross at the side of our fighting men and their dependents in their hour of greatest need," he said.

Court Offers—

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also objected to a joint city and county building.

Post-War Job
County Judge Hurd, discussing the proposal to levy the tax to create a sinking fund for a new county building, said that if the measure carries at the election the plan would be to wait until after the war is ended to begin its erection. He declared that nearly everybody he has talked with upon the subject seems to realize the need of a bigger and better courthouse. The old building is crowded and there is always danger of fire, the judge pointed out. Then, there has been a need for many years for a new county jail. Included in the plan for the new courthouse would be a new jail on the top floor of the building.

Federal Aid
Judge Hurd also said there is a probability that the federal government may assist in a financial way in the erection of public buildings after the war, but he made it plain that the county would not sanction anything like the old WPA plan of federal assistance.

"The taxpayers should not complain of an additional three-mill levy, because the county levy is now 50 per cent below that of six years ago," Judge Hurd said.

County Levy Down
The judge then pointed out that when he entered office in 1938 the levy was 17 mills. In 1941 it had dropped to 12.8 mills; for the first six months of 1942, when the fiscal year was changed to begin July 1, it was 8.5 mills; in 1932-43 it was 11.5 mills and in 1943-44 it amounted to 12.2 mills. With these three mills added, the levy next year would not go over 13 mills because of the six per cent limitation law, the judge pointed out.

County Commissioner Holland, in voicing his opposition to the one-mill courthouse levy, said: "The present courthouse is too good a building to wreck. I think the taxpayers should be given a rest. I don't think we should spend the taxpayers' money for something that is not necessary, and besides I do not think it would be best to occupy a building jointly with the city."

New Bridge
Judge Hurd said that if the two-mill road and bridge levy carries, the building of a new bridge over the Willamette river at Eugene to take the place of the Ferry street span will be included in the program. Besides construction and maintenance of roads and bridges, the fund would be used for the erection of buildings for the storage of road equipment and repair of machinery and equipment.

Spain Asks Showdown

MADRID, Feb. 19.—(U.P.)—The newspaper ABC today demanded that the United States stop "pusyfooting" and either lift the restrictions on oil shipments and treat Spain as a neutral or announce its intention to blockade Spain economically.

All Madrid morning newspapers joined in a defense of Spanish neutrality, and said British press and radio campaigns were responsible for the American action.

LEONARD MILLS PROMOTED
Promotion of Captain Leonard J. Mills from rank of first lieutenant is announced by the war department. He is in the army air forces, stationed now at Blythe, Calif.

Captain Mills, son of Mrs. Fan Mills of 1891 Olive, entered the army in September, 1941, and was commissioned on graduation from the officer training school at Miami, Fla. Later he trained as a statistical officer, at Harvard university. His last station before transfer was Pueblo, Colo.

LEADER RESIGNS

PORTLAND, Feb. 19.—(U.P.)—L. Edwin Cable resigned today as president of the Oregon Bankers association. He will be replaced by the vice-president, Mitchell Tilton, Klamath Falls.

HOLIDAY CLOSING

City and county offices and banks will close Tuesday in observance of Washington's birthday anniversary. Federal offices and the public library will be open as usual.

PRIVATE MARTIN WOUNDED

CRESWELL.—Pvt. Robert C. Martin, son of Mrs. Elsie E. Martin of Creswell, has been announced by the navy department as wounded. He is serving in the U. S. marine corps.

S. C. Armitage Dies In New York City

S. C. Armitage, 79, brother of Postmaster Frank Armitage of Eugene, and himself a native of the area, died Friday in New York City. He had come east from his home in Portland last September to live with his adopted daughter, Miss Frances Greenburg. Miss Greenburg is a teacher in an eastern city.

Mr. Armitage was a member of a well-known pioneer family. He was born October 26, 1864, on the Armitage donation claim near Eugene, the son of George H. and Sarah Stevens Armitage. He was one of a family of ten sons and daughters, of whom Frank Armitage is now the sole survivor. The mother of the family came to Oregon in 1847, the father in '48. He attended school in Eugene, also attending the University of Oregon, but went to Portland to complete his studies at a business college, and later made his home there. He had a place at Warrenton, as well.

Mr. Armitage was the donor of a 40-acre park, located near the Coburg bridge, which is known as Armitage Park, and is a part of the original family property. A railway station bearing the family name also marks the home-site.

He also established a history prize, given for competitive essays at Reed college in Portland where Miss Greenburg was graduated. He was for many years a merchant in Portland, and of later years had traveled as a shoe salesman, visiting Eugene frequently.

Funeral services will be held in Brooklyn, N. Y., Monday evening, at 86 Leffert's Place, under auspices of Riverside church, Fairchild chapel, cremation to follow.

Heavy Cut—

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cials of the ninth service command headquarters said that students enrolled in the ASTP will be notified individually when their schooling is to be terminated and they are ordered into active service.

Certificates will be given all enrollees, showing the credits they have earned and thus permitting them to continue with their education when the opportunity affords.

MEDFORD MAN KILLED

CAMP MACKALL, N. C., Feb. 19.—(U.P.)—Camp Mackall public relations office today announced that eight paratroopers drowned here Wednesday night during a training flight and jump. No details were revealed. The dead included PFC. Kenneth D. McGrotty, son of William McGrotty, Medford, Ore.

Sprague Backs Willkie

PORTLAND, Feb. 19.—(U.P.)—Wendell Willkie's recent visit to Portland was reaping a political harvest today as four Oregon republicans, led by former Gov. Charles A. Sprague, lined up squarely behind the presidential candidate.

The Oregonian reported that in addition to Sprague, E. P. Dodd of

Hermiston, ex-legislator and time candidate for governor; Bert O. Welch, Portland, and M. Roberts, Medford, have declared for Willkie. All except Roberts are classmates of Willkie who is a fourth district, are members of the republican national convention, the paper

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December 31, 1943	
ASSETS	
Bonds, Mortgages and Other Assets	\$843,277,447
Interest, due and accrued	8,342,715
Premiums, due and accrued	11,781,309
Total Admitted Assets	\$863,401,471
LIABILITIES	
Policyholders' Reserve	\$642,311,662
Policyholders' Funds	168,319,758
Policy Claims in process of settlement	3,465,875
Dividends to Policyholders	9,152,333
Taxes	2,684,167
Miscellaneous Liabilities	982,960
Special Reserves	4,600,000
Total Liabilities and Special Reserves	\$831,516,755
Surplus	\$ 31,884,716
Total Liabilities and Contingency Funds	\$863,401,471

United States Registered Bonds included in the above statement are deposited as required by law. State of Massachusetts \$230,000; State of Georgia \$10,000. A complete Annual Report will be sent on request.

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